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SUBJECT: JOINT U.S.-SPANISH ECONOMIC COMMITTEE PRESS RELEASE

1. WE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING JOINT PRESS RELEASE ON THE FIRST SESSION OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE:

QUOTE: THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, A BODY WITHIN THE SPANISH-U.S. COUNCIL CREATED BY THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, HAS HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN MADRID ON THE 14TH OF THIS MONTH.

"THIS INAUGURAL MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY THE
CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEE: THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, MR. CARLOS GAMIR PRIETO, AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MR. JULIUS KATZ.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MISSION ASSISGNED TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITTEE, THERE WAS A CORDIAL AND USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWPOINTS AND RECIPROCAL CONSULTATIONS ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE FOLLOWING WERE AMONG THE MATTERS DEALT WITH: THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES; THE PROSPECTS FOR THE SPANISH ECONOMY AND THE POLICY MEASURES RELATED THERETO; THE POSSIBILITIES OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS AND THE MEASURES

ADEQUATE TO ENCOURAGE THEM; THE BILATERAL TRADE AND TYE PAYMENTS FLOW; AND RELATIONS WITHIN THE FISHERIES FIELD. REGARDING BILATERAL TRADE, QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON CERTAIN SPANISH EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, SUCH AS THOSE COVERING SPECIAL STEELS, SHOES, ZINC, OLIVES, AND VITAMIN K, WERE ESPECIALLY ADDRESSED.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES AGREED UPON, THE JOINT COMMITTEE WILL INFORM THE SPANISH-U.S. COUNCIL ABOUT ITS ACTIVITIES, PRIOR TO THE LATTER'S NEXT BIANNUAL MEETING. END QUOTE.

2. THE PRESS RELEASE HAS BEEN CARRIED IN TWO MAJOR MADRID NEWSPAPERS AND ON SPANISH TELEVISION, SO FAR WITHOUT COMMENT.EATON

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